

REMARKS

The Office Action dated August 18, 2005, has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments and the following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

By this amendment, claims 6 and 8 have been canceled and claims 4 and 13 have been amended. Claims 4, 5, 7, and 13 are pending and respectfully submitted for consideration.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claim 8. Claim 8 has been canceled and the subject matter incorporated into claims 4 and 13. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4 and 13 are allowable.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103

Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Regazzoni et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,078,962, "Regazzoni").

Claims 4 and 5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nussbaum et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,147,603, "Nussbaum"). Claim 5 depends from claim 4.

Claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Schulz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,964,965, "Schulz").

Claims 6 and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over any one of Regazzoni, Nussbaum or Schulz. Claim 6 has been canceled and claim 7 depends from claim 4 or 5.

Claims 5 and 7 depend from claim 4. As claims 4 and 13 have been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter of claim 8, the Applicants respectfully submit that the above rejections are now rendered moot.

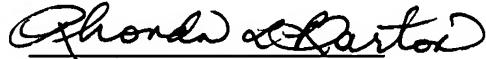
Conclusion

In view of the above, the Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections, allowance of claims 4, 5, 7, and 13, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing Attorney Dkt. No. 107348-00366.**

Respectfully submitted,



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